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1. As of fall 1954, a new 130 mm gun and a new 260 mm breech-loaded mortar had been adopted by the Soviet Army as standard equipment. The 130 mm gun is a coastal defense weapon which has been redesigned for use as a field artillery piece.

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2. The newest Soviet AAA gun is a 100 mm gun with a firing range of over 20 km.

3. Although a lightweight carbine, which had a caliber of 5.6+ mm, was once highly praised, it has not been adopted by the Soviet Army as standard equipment. This carbine was much shorter and lighter than the 7.62 mm rifle and had a much shorter range. It was a magazine-loaded, semi-automatic weapon and was equipped with a bayonet. the magazine for this carbine held ten rounds of ammunition, and that the cartridges were shorter than those for the 7.62 mm rifle.

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4. All Soviet Army officers up to the rank of regimental commander are to be issued a new model of a 9 mm pistol which was a Mauser type pistol. these pistols had already been issued to officers serving outside the USSR. This pistol has a wooden holster (derevyanaya kolodka) and an extension stock (or bracket) which permit the weapon to be fired from the shoulder.³

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5. Soviet Army staff officers will be issued a small 9 mm pistol which is either a Walther or a Parabellum type pistol.

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3.  Comment: It is not possible to determine whether the pistol was equipped with both a wooden holster and an extension stock, or whether it was equipped only with a wooden holster which could be used as a stock. 50X1-HUM



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